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SUBJECT : CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI
TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 39443

1. ATHENS WAS UNABLE TO DELIVER MESSAGE IN TIME TO REACH
PARTY ABOARD SPECIAL AIRCRAFT TO KABUL. MESSAGE IS
RETRANSMITTED FOR YOUR ACTION.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FEB 14 BY
WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM NOOR MOHAMMAD
TARAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME
MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN:

BEGIN TEXT.

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT J. CARTER
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ON THE OCCASION OF VERY SAD AND SHOCKING INCIDENT OF THE
VIOLENT DEATH OF AMBASSADOR ADOLPH DUBS RESULTING FROM A
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COWARDLY ACT OF A NUMBER OF TERRORISTS WHILE I AND MY

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GOVERNMENT CONVEY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MRS. DUBS AND THE BEREAVED FAMILY I ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY OUR SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO SAVE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES HE SUCCEDED TO THE WOUNDS INFLICTED ON HIM BY THE TERRORISTS. ONCE MORE I EXPRESS MY DEEP REGRETS FOR THE SAD AND UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH CAUSED THE DEMISE OF YOUR VERY ABLE AMBASSADOR AND A GOOD FRIEND OF MY COUNTRY.

SINCERELY, NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

END TEXT.

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